Fern Prairie: Before It Disappears
Eighth Street Before and After the Trees Were Removed
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A series of photographs showing a section of Eighth Street in the Fern Prairie area before and after the removal of a substantial number of mature trees.

The first photograph shows the wooded road and driveway before the clearing. The photographs that follow record the same area during and immediately after the work, including heavy equipment, felled trees, large stumps, stacked logs, exposed ground, and a landscape suddenly opened to the sky.

Patty Place originally identified the photographs as "8th Street before" and "8th Street after they came through and took the trees."

The accompanying discussion also brought forward part of the property's family history. Carole Hollingsworth recognized the driveway as that of her parents, who purchased the property in 1983. Patty replied that her grandparents, Ron and Laverne Craig, originally owned the two houses at the beginning of the street. Her great-grandmother was Ethel Wilcox, and Brian's mother, Karen, was born in the old gray house at the front of the property. After Karen and Burt retired, they moved into the mobile home toward the rear of the property.

Patty hopes to locate and share photographs of the original house from its earlier years.

Together, the photographs and conversation document a road, a driveway, neighboring homes, a changing landscape, and several generations of family connections to this part of Fern Prairie.

This entry is part of Fern Prairie: Before It Disappears, an ongoing community record of the landscape, homes, roads, farms, woods, families, and memories of Fern Prairie.

This record remains open for additions. Family members, former neighbors, and others familiar with the location are encouraged to contribute corrections, names, dates, recollections, property history, and additional photographs. This document may be revised and expanded as new material becomes available.

These photographs and recollections were voluntarily contributed through the Facebook group Forgotten Camas Washougal. Entries may range from a single photograph and caption to extensive family histories and additional documentation. Contributors may be identified, remain anonymous, or withhold exact locations. The material is being preserved as it arrives as part of an evolving community record of Fern Prairie.